



Docket No.: 20529 US (C38435/111007)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :

Chyi-Cheng CHEN *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/738,610

Filed: December 15, 2000

For: **L-ASCORBIC ACID AND
PECTIN COMPOSITION**

Examiner: B. Kwon

Art Unit: 1614

New York, New York
March 26, 2002

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Box Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 12, 2002, which set a one-month shortened statutory period for response. Accordingly, this response is filed timely upon mailing, with an executed certificate of mailing, on or before April 12, 2002. 37 CFR § 1.8. No fee is believed to be due. If it is determined that a fee is due, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Restriction Requirement

On page 2, of the Office Action, the Examiner issued a two-way restriction requirement pursuant to 35 USC § 121. The restriction divided the claims into the following allegedly distinct inventions: Group I drawn to "a product containing L-

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ascorbic acid and pectin," containing claims 1-13; and Group II drawn to "a process of making said product by fluidized-bed granulation method," containing claims 14-21.

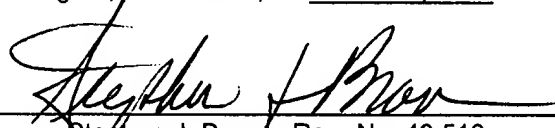
(Paper No. 7 at 2.)

In issuing the restriction requirement, the Examiner asserted that "[b]ecause these inventions are distinct ... restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper." (*Id.*)

In accordance with restriction practice, the subject matter of claims 1-13 (Group I) is hereby elected for prosecution with traverse.

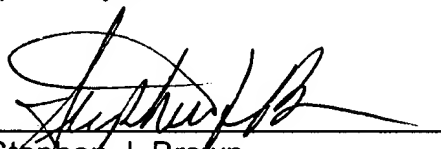
For the reasons set forth above, examination on the merits and allowance of the claims respectfully is requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this paper, please contact the undersigned attorney.

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